Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Abe Henry, and we are richer because Abe lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Abe was born June 14, 1925; and,

Whereas, Abe has three children: Bill, Gerri and Lisa, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild on the way; and,

Whereas, Abe is the full-time custodian at South Dakota State University, a position he has held since October 17, 1989; and,

Whereas, Abe will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State